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Price, \$24 PER ANNUM.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORDON, Ludgate Circus, E. C. RATES HENDY & Co., 37, Pall Mall, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—GALLIEN & PAINON, 30, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WISE, 21, Park Row.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORDON, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE & Co., Singapore, O. HEINRICH & Co., Manila.

CHINA.—MACAO, MESSRS A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Suvaia, Quilon & Co. Amoy, Wilson, Nichols & Co. Foochow, HADDO & Co. Shanghai, LAMB, CHAWORTH & Co., and KILBY & WAUGH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$3,000,000.
Reserve Fund, \$2,500,000.
Interest on Deposits, 4 per cent.
Dividend, 5 per cent.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. M. LINDSEY, Esq.
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Hon. F. J. JOHNSON.

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Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, EWE CAMERON, Esq.
London, BANKER—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

Local Bills Discounted.

Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
The Chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

THE Undersigned begs to give Notice that he has SOLD the STOCK-IN-TRADE and GOODWILL of the BUSINESS of the late JOHN NOBLE to Messrs. C. J. GAUPP & Co.

Intimations.

HOP SHING & Co., ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS, COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON FOUNDRIES, &c., WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

HAVING This Day commenced Business, are ready to undertake work of the above Descriptions under the Supervision of an Experienced European.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE THIRD CALL of £10 Sterling per Share on the 30,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this Corporation, will fall due on the 30th SEPTEMBER CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective Offices, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above-mentioned places.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being issued in Exchange for the 1st Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank.

HOLDER of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES, may, by paying the Call, will induce such certificate to this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 3/- 7/6, or \$64.70 per Share.

Interest at the Rate of 7 per cent. per annum will be charged on Calls unpaid on the 30th SEPTEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 12, 1883.

Intimations.

NOTE OF THANKS.

To the late PASSENGERS of the Barque "Martha Davis."

THE CAPTAIN of the Barque Martha Davis wished to express his thanks to the PASSENGERS for the BEAUTIFUL FLAG they have presented to him.

T. M. BENSON.
Hongkong, December 4, 1883. 1062

SEE WOO.

TAILOR, DRAPER & OUTFITTER,
No. 55, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
Has just Received by French Mail,
CHRISTY'S BLACK, BROWN AND
DRAB FELT HATS, AND
TWEED HATS,
(of all shapes).

All Kinds of PERFUMES and TOILET SOAPS.
All Sorts of GENTLEMEN'S WINTER CLOTHING, &c., &c.
Hongkong, December 3, 1883. 1052

NOTICE.

FROM This Date we will also carry on the BUSINESS of SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS in this Colony.

BEA DA SILVA & Co.,
General Commission Agents and Auctioneers.
Hongkong, November 30, 1883. 1032

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ON and after the 1st OCTOBER, the PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED to 14 Cents per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, September 15, 1883. 553

QUARANTINE AT EGYPTIAN AND CONTINENTAL PORTS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for passing the Company's Steamers through the SUEZ CANAL in QUARANTINE, thus avoiding any detention in Egypt.

The Homeward Mail are now being landed at VENICE, but the QUARANTINE which is still imposed at this and all other CONTINENTAL Ports prevents the landing of Passengers, and those travelling by the Company's Steamers are advised to remain on board the Vessel which calls at MARSILLES en route—stopping a few hours only to discharge Cargo—and proceed in her direct to LONDON, thus avoiding all QUARANTINE delays and inconveniences.

The Passenger of the Steamers will be accelerated, and they will not call at MALTA or GIBRALTAR.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, September 6, 1883. 401

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
A Second and Final DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. on Contributions, and a DIVIDEND of FORTY DOLLARS and TWENTY-NINE CENTS per Share for the year 1882, will be Payable on MONDAY, the 22nd Instant.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, October 22, 1883. 767

Good BOOKKEEPER.

A Good BOOKKEEPER, who has a few spare hours in the early morning, would be glad to take Charge of a Set of Accounts. Terms very moderate.

Address "M. M. R.,"
c/o China Mail Office.
Hongkong, August 24, 1883. 367

VICTORIA HOTEL.

Proprietors:
DORABEE & HING KEE,
late Lessees of the Hongkong Hotel.

THIS HOTEL is situated on the Praya Central in the centre of the principal Business localities and commands a magnificent view of the Harbour and surrounding scenery. From its detached position, perfect ventilation has been secured, and the whole of the ROOMS being Commodious and furnished with every Requisite and Comfort, afford most desirable Accommodation.

The BAR, BILLIARD ROOM, and DINING ROOMS, are fitted up in a Superior manner, and are all under European Supervision and Management.

The TABLE D'HOTE is supplied with every delicacy of the Season, and most satisfactory attendance. WINES and LIQUORS of the best Qualities, and Brands only are supplied. Arrangements for BALLS, BANQUETS, DINNERS and PICTURES made on the most Reasonable Terms.

By using and almost exclusive experience of the Proprietors, and the wide Reputation they have gained, are a sufficient guarantee that satisfaction will be given in this Branch.

With every facility for making suitable Arrangements at Reasonable Prices, either for permanent or weekly Boarders, the Proprietors confidently appeal to the Community of Hongkong for a continuance of the generous Patronage Bestowed on them during the past eleven years.

Hongkong, November 20, 1883. 984

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS 1883.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED AND HAVE NOW ON VIEW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF CHRISTMAS DELICACIES.

ARTICLES SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS
—AND—
FANCY GOODS.

Comprising:—
Real Turtle Soup.
Salmon Cutlets.
Kipperd Salmon.
Herrings in White Wine.
Assorted French Pickles.
Sardines au Citron.

Herrings in White Wine.
Mackerel in White Wine.
French Truffles.
Assorted English Patties.
Paqué de Foie Gras.

Truffled Chickens in Jelly.
French Truffled Lamb.
Assorted French Pickles.
Asparagus.
Petite Pois.

Champignons.
Pudding and Sultana Raisins.
Poulet à la Minicorne.
Christmas Ham.
Christmas Cakes.

Plum Puddings.
Ripe Stiltons.
Port du Salut Cheese.
Gruyère Cheese.
Gorgonzola Cheese.

Double Cluster Cheese.
French Pâtés.
Fruits in Noyau and Brandy.
Crystallized Fruits.
Elix's Pâtés.

Muscatel Raisins.
Barcelona and Brazil Nuts.
Best French Confectionery.
Bonbons and Dragées.
Bonbonnières for Christmas Trees.

French Chocolates.
Newest Cakes and Crackers.
French and English Toys.
Mechanical Toys.
Electric Toys.

French and English Dolls.
Out-door Games.
Christmas and New Year Cards.
Hongkong, December 3, 1883. 1060

SAYLE & Co.

FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.
WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED AND ARE NOW SHOWING THE FOLLOWING NEW GOODS:—

NEW DESIGNS IN BRUSSELS CARPETS with BORDERS and RUGS to Match.
A Large and Choice Assortment of AXMINSTER and SKIN HEARTH RUGS.
Eiderdown QUILTS and PILLOWS.

TRAVELLING RUGS in great variety.
A Large Stock of BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS.
Ebony and Walnut COAL VASES.
Single and Double PERAMBULATORS.

The New "PATENT AIR LAMPS."
AUSTRIAN BENT WOOD FURNITURE.
FLOORCLOTHS for HALLS, ROOMS and PASSAGES.
COCOA MATTING, all widths.

COIR MATS.
SAYLE & Co.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE.
Hongkong, December 4, 1883. 1061

Intimations.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO COMPANY.
NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
THE BRITISH NORTH BORNEO IMMIGRATION OFFICE has been REMOVED to No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately occupied by Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

FREDERICK RICKARDS.
Hongkong, November 30, 1883. 1033

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER.
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BOOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.
Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 265

NOTICE.
FROM this date, Mr. A. McIVER will resume Charge of the Company's BUSINESS at this Port.

E. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, November 23, 1883. 980

VICTORIA HOTEL,
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.
Proprietors:
DORABEE & HING KEE,
late Lessees of the Hongkong Hotel.

THE Community of Hongkong are respectfully informed that the "VICTORIA HOTEL" will be OPENED on SATURDAY, the 1st December, 1883.

Hongkong, November 24, 1883. 992

To Let.

GODOWNS-TO LET.
PRAYA EAST and WAN CHAI ROAD.
For Particulars, apply to
STEWISSEN & Co.
Hongkong, April 26, 1882. 767

TO LET.
OFFICES and COMPARTMENTS in the QUARTERS in MARINE HOUSE, No. 10, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, now occupied by Messrs. FRANKLIN HODGKINS & Co., Possession, 10th January, 1884.

Apply to
E. R. BELILIOS.
Hongkong, November 30, 1883. 1094

TO LET.
THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
For further Particulars apply to Messrs. ROSS & Co.
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1883. 926

TO LET.
"BISNEY VILLA" POKEFOOLM, Furnished.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, November 7, 1883. 874

C. L. THEVENIN,
WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANT,
HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDING,
HAS FOR SALE

A Fine Assortment of WHITE and RED BURGUNDIES.—GRAND HERMITAGE, CHATELAIN, FOUQUET, ROUGEON, CHATELAIN, PONS and QUART, &c., &c.

OLD PORT, SHERRY, WHISKY, COGNAC, Assorted LIQUORS and STOUTS, PERFUMERY, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, October 17, 1883. 731

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from J. H. SMITH, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 8th December, at 11 a.m., at his Sales Rooms, Peddar's Wharf, THE AMERICAN LORCHA "WRECKER,"

with
MASTS, ANCHORS and CHAINS, &c.
To be seen at Yow-ma-tee, and at the day of Sale near Peddar's Wharf.

G. R. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, December 4, 1883. 1038

"G. C. TRUFANT."
TO BE SOLD, at MANILA, by PUBLIC AUCTION, without reserve, for account of the concerned, on

18th DECEMBER, THE BRITISH SHIP "G. C. TRUFANT,"

As she lies at her anchors in Manila Bay, HULL, MASTS, SPARS, RIGGING, SAILS, ANCHORS and CABLES, and all her other FURNITURE and APPAREL in One Lot.

Conditions of Sale may be had of LLOYD'S AGENTS, Manila.
3rd December, 1883. 1049

For Sale.

FOR SALE CHEAP.
FIVE Hundred to Six Hundred Tons COKE and COAL TAR, in lots to suit, from one ton upwards.

CHOW CHEW,
230, Praya West.
Hongkong, June 18, 1883. 1279

FOR SALE.
JULES MUM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.
Quarts \$18 per 1 doz. Case.
Pints \$19 per 2 doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, November 1, 1881. 172

RODERICK DHU WHISKY.
A Pure, Fine-Flavoured Blend, Equal in Quality and Style to the Finest FRENCH BRANDY.

Sole Agents, Hongkong, C. L. THEVENIN.
Hongkong, October 10, 1883. 746

NOW ON SALE.
A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT,
BY DR. E. J. EITEL.

CROWN OCTAVO, PP. 618.
HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K \$2.50
Part II. K-M \$2.50
Part III. M-T \$3.00
Part IV. T-Y \$3.00

A Reduction of ten per cent. will be allowed to purchasers of Ten or more copies.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, compiled on the basis of King's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the Chinese dialect, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is by no means confined to the Cantonese dialect, but the work is a practically complete Thesaurus of the whole Written Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire, whilst its introductory chapters serve the purposes of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, January 15, 1883. 115

THE REPORT OF THE TRIAL OF LOGAN at CANTON, that appeared in the China Mail has been printed in PAMPHLET FORM, and is now on Sale, Price, 30 Cents.

Hongkong, October 3, 1883.

Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP "YANGTSE."
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamships Euphrate and Labordonnais, from London, in connection with the above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 1 p.m. To-day (Sunday), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Monday, the 10th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me before the 10th Instant or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 2, 1883. 1046

Notices to Consignees.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Louisa* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, December 4, 1883. 1056

Shipping.

STEAMERS.
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship "Hailong," Capt. F. ASHROX, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 7th Instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, December 4, 1883. 1036

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer "Manila," Capt. P. H. LOPEZ, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 7th Instant, at 8 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.
Hongkong, December 3, 1883. 1055

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rate for CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship "Kowloon," Capt. WESTER, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 7th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, December 4, 1883. 1057

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship "Hesperus," Capt. GASSON, will be despatched as above on or about the 7th December.

This Steamer has superior Cabin Accommodation.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, November 30, 1883. 1036

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship "Hailong," Capt. ASHROX, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 9th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, December 4, 1883. 1060

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND.)

The Steamship "Taitan," Capt. CORRIE, will be despatched as above on or about the 10th December.

This Vessel has unusually good Cabin Accommodation, situated amidships, upon the upper deck.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1044

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, MAURITIUS, NATAL, EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH AND CAPE TOWN.

The Co.'s Steamship "Hailong," Capt. ASHROX, will have quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, November 28, 1883. 1013

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, TASMANIA, and FIJI.)

The Eastern and Australian Steamship Co.'s Steamer "Maurice," Capt. W. BLISS, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 14th December, at 4 p.m.

Parcels of all which must be sent to our Office will be received up to 4 p.m. on the 13th December.

Contents and value of the Packages must be declared.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, November 30, 1883. 1037

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship "Hesperus," Capt. GASSON, will be despatched as above on or about the 15th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1039

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The Hawaiian Steamer "Lilly Grace," HUGHES, Master, will load here for the above Port

For Sale.

MacEwen, Frickel & Co.
No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISARIAT),
ARE NOW LANDING
FROM AMERICA.

CALIFORNIA
CRACKER
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose.
Soda BISCUITS.
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small ROMNEY.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

CORNMEAL.

TOPOCAN BUTTER.

APPLE BUTTER.

EASTERN AND CALIFORNIA CHEESE.

CORNISH, BONELESS.

PRIME HAM AND BACON.

EAGLE BRAND CONDENSED MILK.

FAMILY BEEF in 25 lb kegs.

BOAT IDEAL SALMON in 5 lb cans.

CUTTING'S DESSERT FRUITS in 2 1/2 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage MEAT.

STUFFED PEPPERS.

Assorted SOUPS.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted MEATS.

LUNCH HAM.

LAMB'S TONGUES.

CLAM OYSTERS.

FRESH OREGON SALMON.

DRIED APPLES.

TOMATOES.

SUCCOTASH.

MAPLE SYRUP.

GOLDEN SYRUP.

LOBSTERS.

OYSTERS.

HONEY.

Assorted JELLIES.

GREEN CORN.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.

600 lb. "

900 lb. "

1,200 lb. "

CORN BROOMS.

OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.

AXES and HATCHETS.

AGATE IRON WARE.

WAFFLE IRONS.

SMOOTHING IRONS.

PAINTS and OILS.

TALLOW and TAR.

VARNISHES.

DEVOS' NONPAREIL

BRILLIANT

KEROSENE OIL,

150° test.

Ex late Arrivals from

ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

STOCKS,

including:

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

PLUM PUDDINGS.

MINCEMEAT.

ALMONDS and RAISINS.

Crystallized FRUITS.

TERRAZZO'S DESSERT FRUITS.

Pudding RAISINS.

Lentil CURRANTS.

FINE YORK HAMS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

SAVORY PATES.

FRENCH PLUMS.

BROWN.

INFANTS' FOOD.

CORN FLOUR.

SPARTAN

COOKING STOVES.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP.

PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S OLD WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

BOOBY'S OLD IRISH WHISKY.

R. & J. BUREY'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

NOLLY PEAR & CO'S VERMOUTH.

GRABER'S GINGER BRANDY.

EASTERN CHIEF.

CHATEAU.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA, BOTTLES and ORANGE BITTERS.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and

SANDERSON, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &

J. BUREY, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the

Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIAL SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

5 catty boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MINER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF

SAVES, OASH and PAPER

BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883.

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Intimations.

Chinese Imperial Government Light Fer Cent. Loan of 1881.

FIRST DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following numbers of Bonds to be paid off at the Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, in Hongkong, on the 30th day of November, 1883, when the interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day drawn at the Office of the said Corporation in Hongkong, in the presence of Mr. GEORGE ROBERT JOHNSTON, Chief Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

1096 Bonds Nos. —

8	885	1750	2647	3527	4408	5287	6167	7047	7928
14	894	1774	2655	3534	4415	5295	6176	7055	7936
21	899	1783	2663	3543	4424	5301	6183	7064	7944
29	910	1791	2671	3549	4430	5309	6191	7071	7950
36	919	1796	2679	3559	4437	5317	6198	7080	7958
45	927	1806	2685	3566	4446	5326	6202	7088	7964
55	932	1814	2692	3571	4450	5334	6215	7093	7975
62	941	1823	2701	3582	4462	5339	6222	7103	7982
70	947	1827	2711	3590	4471	5351	6230	7110	7992
79	956	1840	2720	3599	4478	5359	6239	7116	7999
83	967	1846	2728	3607	4486	5367	6248	7127	8006
91	975	1855	2735	3615	4492	5375	6256	7134	8014
102	981	1863	2741	3619	4499	5383	6264	7142	8022
111	990	1871	2748	3626	4509	5390	6270	7150	8032
116	998	1877	2756	3637	4516	5398	6280	7159	8039
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647	1526	2407	3287	4167	5047	5927	6807	7684	8567
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664	1544	2423	3301	4182	5063	5942	6824	7704	8581
672	1552	2431	3309	4185	5066	5949	6832	7711	8589
679	1560	2440	3316	4197	5078	5959	6839	7719	8597
683	1568	2446	3326	4207	5083	5967	6846	7727	8604
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727	1608	2481	3366	4248	5125	6008	6887	7767	8647
732	1614	2495	3377	4256	5133	6014	6894	7772	8652
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790	1668	2548	3431	4310	5190	6070	6951	7829	8707
799	1675	2556	3437	4318	5198	6079	6959	7840	8714
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838	1718	2590	3479	4359	5238	6118	6998	7879	8754
846	1724	2607	3487	4366	5242	6126	7008	7887	8762
853	1733	2614	3495	4376	5253	6134	7015	7892	8770
862	1743	2620	3502	4383	5262	6141	7021	7890	8779
869	1751	2632	3511	4391	5278	6150	7032	7900	8787
877	1758	2639	3518	4398	5283	6159	7040	7920	8795

There was rather an amusing fancy ball at Simla on the 14th of October," writes to a correspondent from India. "One silly young officer went in the character of the Lord of the Isles. He was dressed in a great roll of white paper, with red tape round his waist, and on his back a big label 'Criminal Judgment Bill.' Mr. Lord was asked what he should do if he met his handmaid. Mr. Lord replied that he should read him these times and pass him. Discretion still reigns over the bill.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

A curious sacrifice is reported, says an Indian paper, from the Madras Presidency. The police inspector of the Manapart division (Trichinopoly) reports that "a man came to the Andivur civil with the end of his tongue cut off (about an inch), and was asked before the idol. He was unable to speak, but he wrote on the ground that he is the son of one Ramaswamy Pillay, and that his name is Subramanyam Pillay. Having partially lost his sight, he was in much distress about it. He was in the god in this particular temple, his eye-sight would be restored, and that his tongue would grow again. So he made a vow accordingly. He refused to go to hospital. The matter was reported to the local magistrate.

A MADRAS paper says that a good story comes from the Madras Lunatic Asylum, above all other places. One of the inmates is a man named Bacon, who writes a most beautiful hand, almost equal to copper-plate engraving, and who is much given to discussing theological questions. When Surgeon-General Cunningham was in Madras last year, he visited the asylum, and was introduced to Bacon. After a little conversation Bacon said: "Do you know, Dr. Cunningham, that you and I are family, and the names are 'You don't say so,' said the doctor. 'We are,' said Bacon, 'don't you see, I am a clever Bacon, and you are a cunning Ham!'

At the York Guildhall one day in the second week of last October, Benjamin Cunningham, aged fifteen, a pupil at an industrial school, was charged with insubordination. It appeared that on being ordered by his teacher to perform certain tasks, he had the audacity to reply, "I won't," and "I ain't." Moreover, he had committed the terrible offence of being three days over a piece of sewing. For these atrocities, says *Truth*, the School of the French sentenced the child to a month's imprisonment with hard labour. A more cruel and unchristian sentence has rarely been heard of in any school, in any case out of ten, arises from the incapacity of the teachers. Moreover, these institutions are meant for the reformation, not for the manufacture, of criminals.

A VERY pretty novelty is to be seen in the window of a certain florist's shop near the Haymarket, which we owe to some ingenious Italian potter. It is called the "terracotta pot vase," and appears in many shapes, designs, from the classic urn to the common-place flower-pot of every-day use. The vase is well covered with soil—several kinds of which may be used. It is then filled with water, and in about forty-eight hours the whole is covered with a pretty growth of mossy grass. Cut flowers are then placed in the vase, and the whole has a very pretty effect, forming an ornament for the table up to the eye. The idea is capable of considerable development.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

I REALLY am sincerely sorry for Prince Albert Victor Edward. He is to go to Cambridge, and to a young man the University is a very delightful place. But infinite pains have been taken to make his life there a burden to him. His rooms are next those of his tutor; he is not allowed to attend public lectures; he has to wear a silk gown, but to put in a separate pew in chapel. But even worse than this—when he dines in Trinity Hall he is compelled to sit at his high table among dons on several occasions, and I may safely say that more terrible boredom than his conversation I have rarely endured. Poor Albert Victor! What a fearful loss place he will think Cambridge is—*Life.*

Truth says:—I have had occasion more than once to draw attention in these columns to choice specimens of lay and ecclesiastical—especially episcopal—twaddle on the subject of the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, but I do not remember ever having noticed anything more ridiculous than the Bishop of Lincoln's remarks on the measure. At his Diocesan Conference Dr. Wordsworth explained that it was a measure for the separation of the Church and State; and its adoption might have proved disastrous to the Monarchy itself. He went on to remark that, judging from the prevalence of earthquakes, earthquakes, immortality, and unbelief, the end of the world is at hand. It seems from the context that the Bishop's opinion, after the passing of the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, a prophecy which, as compared with the prediction of Mother Shipton and other seers, has at least the merit of being distinct and definite.

THE long-looked-for match between Snook and George, the Champions of this year and last respectively, took place at Little Bridge last Saturday, in presence of some six thousand enthusiastic spectators. Tremendous cheering greeted George and Snook as they turned out to do battle over the main course, the contrast between the rivals to height and build being startling. George is tall, lanky, and square; Snook, short, sturdy, and somewhat "bull-dogged" in aspect. At the pistol, George started off with a slight lead, and Snook, foolishly as it turned out, made no attempt to force the running; the pair kept close together throughout until entering the straight in the last lap—the race so far being very slowly run. Snook made his effort about 100 yards from home, but he had miscalculated his opponent's springing powers, and the latter came away at a terrific pace, ultimately finishing a winner by about twelve yards, quite fresh in 4 min. 26 sec. The time was a great disappointment to those who had confidently expected the record (4 min. 19.3 sec.) to be badly beaten, but the fact is a match between two runners who have to wait upon each other, is rarely a fast time as a skillfully planned handicap.—*Life.*

The following amusing anecdote is related in one of the latest numbers of a home society paper:—

A young English lady, "of considerable personal attractions," and strong Anglican leanings, entered one of the largest churches in Antwerp one morning last week, and taking a *prie-dieu*, was soon lost in holy reverie, gazing up unconsciously at the organ just above her, from whence proceeded, now and again, a sumptuous display of day-dreams was rudely dispelled by the sudden apparition of a three-looking monster, in a gorgeous uniform and a marvellous three-cornered hat, who, touching her on the shoulder, said authoritatively, pointing to the organ-loft, "Madame, laissez le jeu!" Our countrywoman, somewhat puzzled, looked up indignantly at her intruder, and not quite understanding his command, but resenting the roughness of his tone, remained kneeling in the same attitude. Presently Monsieur returned, his face scarlet, and his moustache bristling with wrath. He again touched her, "Madame, laissez le jeu!" This time the poor lady, feeling herself unequal to further remonstrance, followed the burly "bedouin" out of the church. As soon as they were outside the sacred precincts, she indignantly demanded an explanation of the madman's behaviour. He explained that the ruffled dignitary designed to point that ladies were not permitted to stare at the Brothers while they were practising at the organ.

To those in want of a good evening's amusement let me recommend the Salvation Army at Exeter Hall. Anxious to see our latest martyr St. Catherine, we both journeyed into the Strand last Monday evening, when the star of the Salvation company was advertised to make her first appearance on return from Switzerland. I had a kind of vague idea that she had been tortured by the Legislature, and I was somewhat curious to see a nineteenth-century saint in *propria persona*. I had never seen a halo except round the moon, and I thought such a curiosity well worth the shilling which a gentleman in a red coat had just extracted from my unwilling pocket as the price of admission. I got there early, and found a large audience awaiting themselves, as badly-behaved and noisy as I do, by singing comic songs. Being of a musical turn myself, I joined in heartily with my favourite lyric, "Oh, my little darling, I love you," but I was promptly called to order by a youth, who, by his jacket and cap, I presumed to be a new recruit of the P. and O. steamer. He explained that they were singing a hymn! I presume that it is cheaper to use music-hall tunes for their hymns than pay for the composing of new. After all, they were right—they allowed each singer to make his own tune; that is certainly one way of encouraging the candidates for admission to Sandhurst at the June and July examinations of the present year.

By whom were the following sentences spoken? Continue the quotation, when you can:—"Lowliness is young ambition's ladder." The noise of battle hurried in the air. Compare the character of Emilia with that of Desdemona. Select any four lines from the "Haunch of Venison," and scan them. Draw a map of the Atlantic Ocean, and represent upon it approximately, by means of contour lines, the configuration of its basin. Was Pope swift or slow, careful or hasty, in composing his works? In what respect does the climate of Yakuski differ from that of Madeira? As the Colonel explained, an examination to be really practical should comprise, besides modern languages, military tactics, geography, drawing, a knowledge of anatomy, the veterinary science, and engineering. Then, if a lad were unsuccessful in his examination, he would at least have acquired knowledge that in all probability would prove of ultimate value to him; whereas, he was successful, he would be a mere "bookish" man, a far more efficient—I say an equally efficient, officer in time of war with the man who could translate Homer and Virgil, compose pretty Latin verses, and scan four lines from the "Haunch of Venison." The sooner those in authority look at the matter in this way, the better it will be for every one—excepting, perhaps, for the highly-paid masters who think that a man cannot serve his country unless his brain is crammed with Latin and Greek.—*Truth.*

THE Indian Daily News says:—"There seems no good reason to doubt that Mr. Bayne, the Civil Engineer defeated by the government to make the search, has at last discovered the actual spot which stood the Black Hole. The place is a few feet on the inner side of the north-east gateway of the Post Office; and although it seems a wonder why the secret of this spot should not have been revealed before, yet there is a good reason why it should not be so. The south gateway of the Custom House, at upon the northern wall of the Foundation of the Black Hole. The north wall of the new wall, once upon the southern wall of this famous place of confinement. The necessity for preserving a roadway on the north side of the Post Office preserved the actual spot of the Black Hole from discovery, although south of two widely-separated occasions its very walls were touched by the builders of the new edifice. It would almost seem as if those who built the Custom House godowns knew something of the spot, for they avoided building over it. The excavations now made show a square of 6 ft. 6 in. by 6 ft. 6 in. to west, by 13 ft. 6 in. north to south, with a verandah on the west side, the foundation of the pillars of which still remain. On the eastern side of the excavation some of the plaster yet remains attached to the wall, and it is still harder, out of all comparison, than the plaster in use at the present day, and this, although it was so roughly made that it is easy to detect it was made from shell lime. It rests upon a coating of an inferior plaster laid upon the wall of the peculiar thin bricks of the earliest period of building in Calcutta. The flooring was made of *shale*, and beaten together with a roughness, mainly composed of shells. The shroud story appearing to be such a discovery was not absent in this case. The northern part of Calcutta has been strongly agitated by the report that 23 lakhs of rupees had been discovered on the site of the Black Hole.

An Indian paper says that although white ants are a pest as much to certain crops as to anything else, they are said to perform a service to agriculture on uncultivated ground, similar to that performed by the earthworm in England. Mr. Ridley, of the Lucknow Horticultural gardens, however, has found a remedy for the depredations of the white ant in the field, which he has proved invaluable. Korosine oil will not of itself mix with water, but if first shaken up with milk it will amalgamate with that, and can be then diluted with water to any desired extent. A little of this mixture, we are told, goes a long way and proves a very effective insecticide. A mixture of two parts of oil to one of milk, "churned" together, mixed completely, and this mixture diluted to the extent of one wineglassful to four gallons of water, will not injuriously affect either plants or grass, but will effectually keep off white ants. It will probably be useful to many to know this simple remedy.

Unsettled the heading of "A new Poet Laureate," the *Bombay Gazette* prints the following letter:—

Sir,—I shall feel highly obliged by your kindly inserting in your valuable paper the enclosed poem which I have composed in the spirit of loyalty to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, who are expected here on the 20th inst. It would, therefore, appear desirable to publish the verses on the morning of that date.

The beauty and style of the verses are of themselves my sufficient apology for troubling you to insert them in your paper.—Yours faithfully,

JERAMIER ANDERSON CHINNOY.

Bombay, Nov. 8.

I. Welcome! Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, the Noble Prince and Princess, Welcome! hail! to thee thrice happy pair, Such is the hearty joy all loyal subjects share.

II. But India must be proud to sing in rhyme; To see the Royal Princesses for the first time, And she cannot its full obligation express For confidence thus imposed by the King.

III. Who will not long to see our Emperor third As Major-General of Meorut Division? May his crown be crowned with all success Over the dunes, mountains, and fortresses.

IV. Oh! it is in hearts of the family Royal, How the natives of India are loyal, Especially the areas at the Prince of Wales, who is our King and our God.

V. What loyalty they displayed on such and many other occasions past.

VI. Lo! there it is in sight, the steamer's first sail, So let us shout, congratulate, cheer, and hail; God bless the Empress and long may she reign, In the last chorus of the persons thronged in chain.

VII. And as this verse's editor, I remain, gentlemen and Dear Sir, As loyal subjects sincere, I bid you, I change Airs.

Bombay, 20th November, Eighteen Eighty-three: Here is the conclusion, and I am free.

THE SCOTCH community must be congratulated on the success of their Ball on Friday last. It was a gigantic affair, but the arrangements were well devised and carried out, and the Ball passed off smoothly and pleasantly. Some gentlemen must have laboured very hard to achieve this success. It is a pity we cannot muster more ladies on such occasions, but I suppose the bachelors here will not make themselves benighted to increase the enjoyment of this annual Scotch celebration.

By the way, very few of our Scotch friends could interpret the Gaelic mottoes with which they ornamented the walls. "S'rioghad mo dream" I thought at first was Irish, and something about a dream, but it seemed to be a Scottish family motto (the Greys) meaning "my race is royal." The meaning of "Gaidheal na h-Ìle" I do not know at the present moment. *Je vis pret* was a rather suggestive motto for a young lady, rather on joining in the next dance, to sit under.

I see the English residents have some idea of giving a ball, to be called the St. George's Ball. Now St. George's day is on the 23rd April, and I cannot imagine it is intended to have the ball in that muggy month. Still as St. George is the patron saint of England, perhaps it is not necessary the ball should be held on St. George's day to enable it to be called St. George's ball. Anyhow most guests would be inclined to waive that point.

I wonder if the statement is true that St. George, before he became a martyr, made a fortune by supplying an army with bacon. There is a statement in history that he did so. Our conception of the martyr is a warrior on horseback industriously slaying a dragon, but, as the dragon is a myth, I suppose this stirring account of the slaughter of one, to save a beautiful maiden, is a fable also.

Whatever may be the opinion of Europeans in the East as to whether war between France and China will or will not ensue, there can be no doubt that the Chinese mandarin regard war as inevitable. This is quite evident from Admiral P'ang's proclamation, which you published last night. He evidently looks upon this outbreak of war merely as a question of time. It is also now established beyond doubt that the Chinese Government has troops in Tonquin—out by the French—when it does seem pretty certain to me, now, that the Chinese Government is not altogether engaged in a game of brag, and that the French will have to moderate their demands

as much as the Chinese if war is to be avoided.

The proclamation of P'ang suggests a few of the international difficulties that will arise in the event of a war occurring. Supposing that the foreign residents do not choose to remove themselves and their goods from Canton, will foreign men-of-war remain there to protect them, and allow the Chinese to block their exit from the river by the sinking of those stone junks which you referred to in the account you published a day or two ago of the defences of Canton? Supposing an English gunboat or two should get shut up at Canton, and difficulties were to crop up between England and China, or between England and France, what a pretty position the blockaded gunboats at Canton would be in—unable to get out, and at the mercy of a force proceeding overland with artillery.

I doubt very much if any foreigners would continue to reside at Canton, on the outbreak of a war, without more effective protection than could be rendered to them by a Consul and the flag of their nation. And yet I cannot believe that the French would be satisfied in allowing Canton to continue to be the headquarters of Chinese military and naval operations in South China. There will unquestionably be unlimited complications arising between France and other foreign powers if war against China is declared.

Professional cricketing seems to be a much less lucrative occupation than I had imagined it to be. Take the case of Mr. W. R. Gilbert, one of the most noted cricketers of the present day. He has recently been declared bankrupt—assets, four guineas, value 24; liabilities £800. This is what the *Pall Mall Budget* says of the matter:—

With some irony one of his friends declares that he has been "extremely unfortunate in his affairs." It appears that in 1882 he arranged twenty-one matches for the United Eleven, and expected to clear £800. Fickle fortune, alas! would have none of him, and he realized but £270. Black care not only sat behind him, but accompanied him to the wicket. Many a time, we are told, an acute sherriff's officer in the middle of a fine innings stepped up to his wicket, and laying his hand on his shoulder, said, "Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Gilbert, pay me my money, please, or follow me." This was a cruel proceeding. But it succeeded, for he had "repeatedly, while playing cricket, to appeal to his friends to release him." He received, it seems, about £5 or £6 for each match he played, and is said to have cleared £240 last season, out of which he had to pay travelling expenses.

There is a theory, supported by statistics, that November is the month in which most suicides take place. This theory was certainly supported by events in this Colony last month. The dull weather in November, I think, held chiefly responsible for this exceptional desire to throw off the troubles of this world.

You were reprimanded, I see, in the *Daily Press* the other day because your reporter used the word "romantic" in referring to the attempted suicide in Cochrane Street. In my notes on the previous evening I endeavoured to throw anything but a romantic halo over this affair. But so much nice being required on your part in the choice of expressions, I was surprised to see in the *Daily Press*, I think the day afterwards, a local paragraph commencing: "Yesterday evening, about six o'clock, the chimney of a house in Upper Wyndham-street started a conflagration." I know this Colony, and I believe this enterprising chimney, survived the alarming catastrophe.

Friend "Banian" got into a dreadful state of anguish last week over the practice among Chinese of binding the feet. This is the deservingly harrowing strain in which he wrote:—

My pen, quivers as I proceed. The torture and the anguish I allude to arise from the horrible custom of distorting the feet of female children. Surely it requires no argument to prove that this barbarous custom is, in the strictest, nothing more nor less than pure and simple torture. Does it not answer the description I have given of it? Does it not cripple the victim for life? Is not the agony incessant and protracted? Against the *vis major* of the parent is there any protest, any remedy? Is not the torture the more severe since the object and the result is to fight a fearful fight against the natural development of the limbs? Above all, is it not appalling to reflect that this hopeless, this indescribable suffering falls upon the tenderest members of the tender sex? I ask, can civilization calmly countenance such an atrocity in this age and in a British Colony?

I have cut off a great deal of the agony, and also the remarks in which he argues that the existence of this practice, to some extent, in Hongkong is "a shame, a scandal and a disgrace to civilization in general and to the British name in particular."

Gently, gently "Banian." Take the heart out of your own eye. Read your denunciation over again, only substitute for foot-binding the expression "tight lacing" and then howl about the backslidings of civilization.

A medical man writes to me that of the two evils, he considers tight lacing the more injurious and the more stupid. "I cannot," he says, "approve either of them, as both are bad, but the worse of the two evils is tight lacing. The compression of the feet affects the circulation, the same cannot be said of compression of the waist of the members of the tender sex."

RECKLESSLY away the people, but the school-master sways the rulers.

THE CASE OF ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

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My dear 'Gey'

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